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Sl. No.	Name of the Course	No. of seats to be filled by		
		Admission test/ Interview	Nomination	Total
1	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Technology	55	12	67
2	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Engineering	22	6	28
3	Diploma Course in Industrial Fermentation and Alcohol Technology	17	4	21
4	Certificate Course in Sugar Engineering	15	4	19
5	Certificate Course in Sugar Boiling	50	10	60
6	Pre-harvest Cane Maturity Survey	10	2	12

Privatisation of IISCO

*235. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been negotiating with various trade unions for enforcing its proposal to handover the Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited to some private parties; and

(b) if so, the details of terms and conditions entered into by Government with trade unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government have not negotiated with the trade unions on the proposal to seek private participation in Indion Iron and Steel Company (IISCO). However, as part of a process of consultation on the proposal to enlist private participation, Government have been consulting leaders of the National Trade Unions, IISCO workers' union and also the officers' Association. It has been explained that Government, while seeking to enlist private participation in IISCO, have committed themselves to protect the interests of the employees. There will be no retrenchment. The management will be free to rationalise the manpower and retrain and redeploy them but based on the goodwill of the workforce. The terms and conditions of the continued employment of the employees will not be inferior to those they are currently entitled to.

Improvement in the functioning of farm Universities

*236. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing farm universities in the country imparting agricultural education;

(b) what percentage of the annual expenditure of these universities is met by the Central Government;

(c) when and by which authority committee, the evalution of their performance, was done last;

(d) what are the salient features of the findings of the evaluation committee;

(e) whether Government are aware that the performance of farm universities in the country continue to be unsatisfactory and the standard of education has been falling; and

(f) if so, what remedial measures are contemplated by Government to improve the situation in the farm universities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):

Statement

(a) Presently there are 27 State agricultural universities and one Central Agricultural University for North Eastern Hill region in the country.

(b) The Annual Expenditure of these Universities are met mainly by the respective State Govts. and Indian Council of Agricultural Research provides only limited funds for the Development and Strengthening of their educational programmes. Similarly, assistance for Strengthening the Regional research infrastructure of the state agricultural universities is provided under National Agricultural Research Project (NARP). The total 8th Plan/Phase I and II allocations to the 27 State Agricultural Universities under these heads are as under:—

1. Development and Strengthening of 27SAUs. 7500.00 lakhs
2. Establishment and Development of Central Agricultural University for NEH region 4100.00 lakhs
3. Assistance under National Research Project Phase I & II (1979-86 & 1986-95). 18928.35 lakhs

(c) The performance of the State Agricultural Universities was evaluated by a Review Committee (generally referred to as Randhawa Committee) appointed in the year 1977, which submitted its report in the year 1978.

(d) The salient features of the findings of the Randhawa Committee may be summarised as under:—

1. Educational functions of Agricultural Universities in cases of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra differed from rest of the country in having affiliated colleges functioning outside the agricultural university system.

2. Research functions are yet to be completely transferred to the agricultural universities in the states like West Bengal, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan; Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

3. Extension Education functions of the State Agricultural Universities were found to be limited in States like Kerala Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, where field extension and training components are yet to be fully transferred to Agricultural University System.

4. Integration of teaching, research and Extension concept has been accepted in all the Agricultural Universities but the extent of integration achieved differred from State to State.

5. General assement indicated that although the individual achievements of State Agricultural Universities, differ widely, they have made significant impact on agricultural development as well as quality of education, research and training.

(e) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has not received any report indicating either unsatisfactory performance or falling educational standard of State Agricultural Universities.

(f) Question does not arise in view of what is stated for (e) above.

Corruption in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*237. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a Memorandum from AKIV (Democratic) detailing the widespread corruption in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and